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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE DETECTION OF MICROORGANISMS BY FIBER OPTICS**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with (2) pages)  
**34** pages of specification and claims including  
**20** numbered claims and also attached is/are  
**8** sheets of accompanying drawings.  
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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- ☐ Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.  
☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
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☐ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.  
☐ Also attached.

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